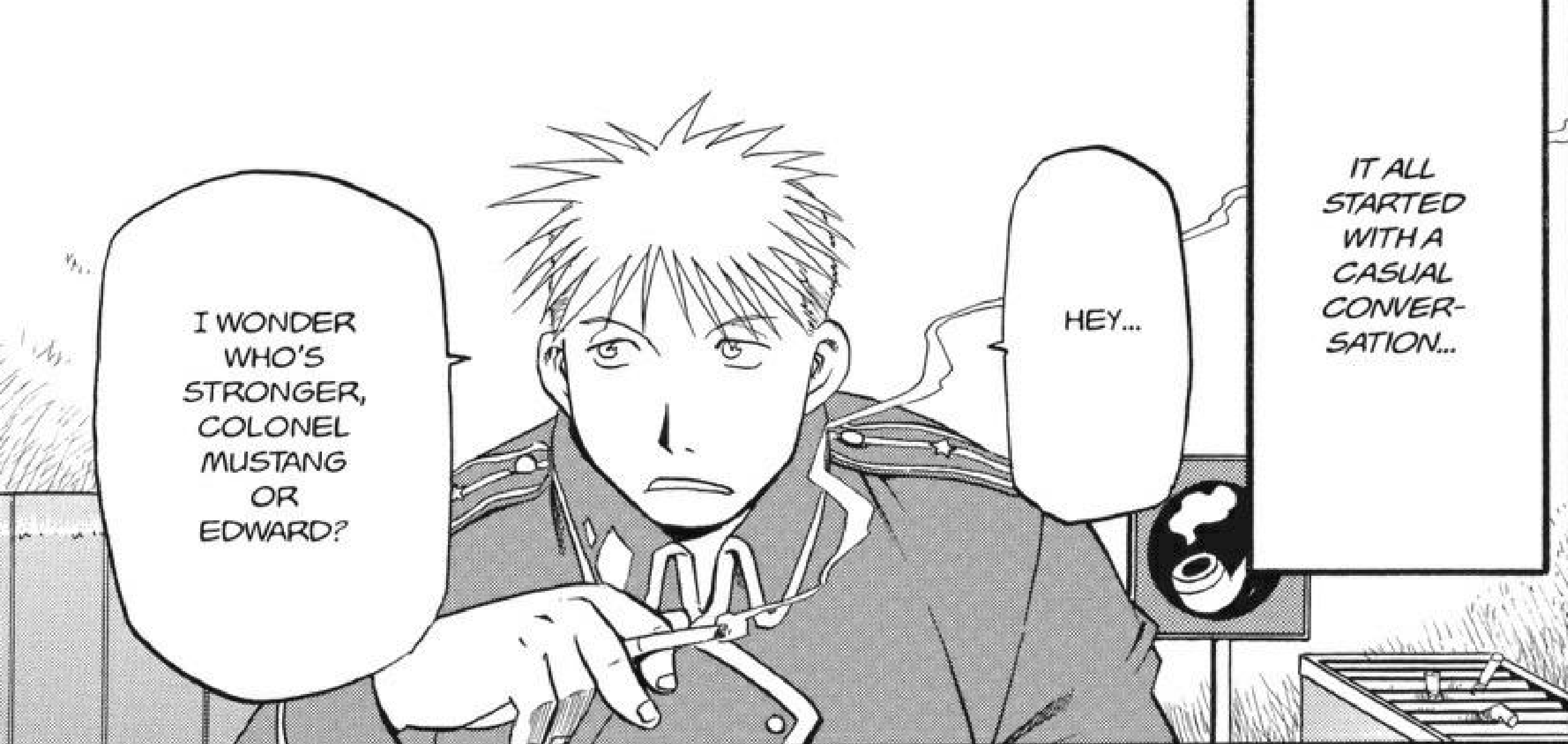




Side Story: The Military Festival





I WONDER WHO'S STRONGER, COLONEL MUSTANG OR EDWARD?

HEY...

IT ALL STARTED WITH A CASUAL CONVERSATION...



SO YOU THINK ED WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE IN HAND-TO-HAND?

I HEARD HE'S A MASTER OF HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT AND HIS ALCHEMY SKILLS ARE SECOND TO NONE.

NO, DON'T UNDERESTIMATE FULL-METAL.

THE COLONEL. DEFINITELY THE COLONEL.



IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION HERE AT EASTERN HQ LATELY ABOUT WHETHER FULLMETAL OR MYSELF IS STRONGER.



DO YOU THINK I WOULD GET BENT OUT OF SHAPE OVER A KID?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.

DOES IT BOTHER YOU, COLONEL?

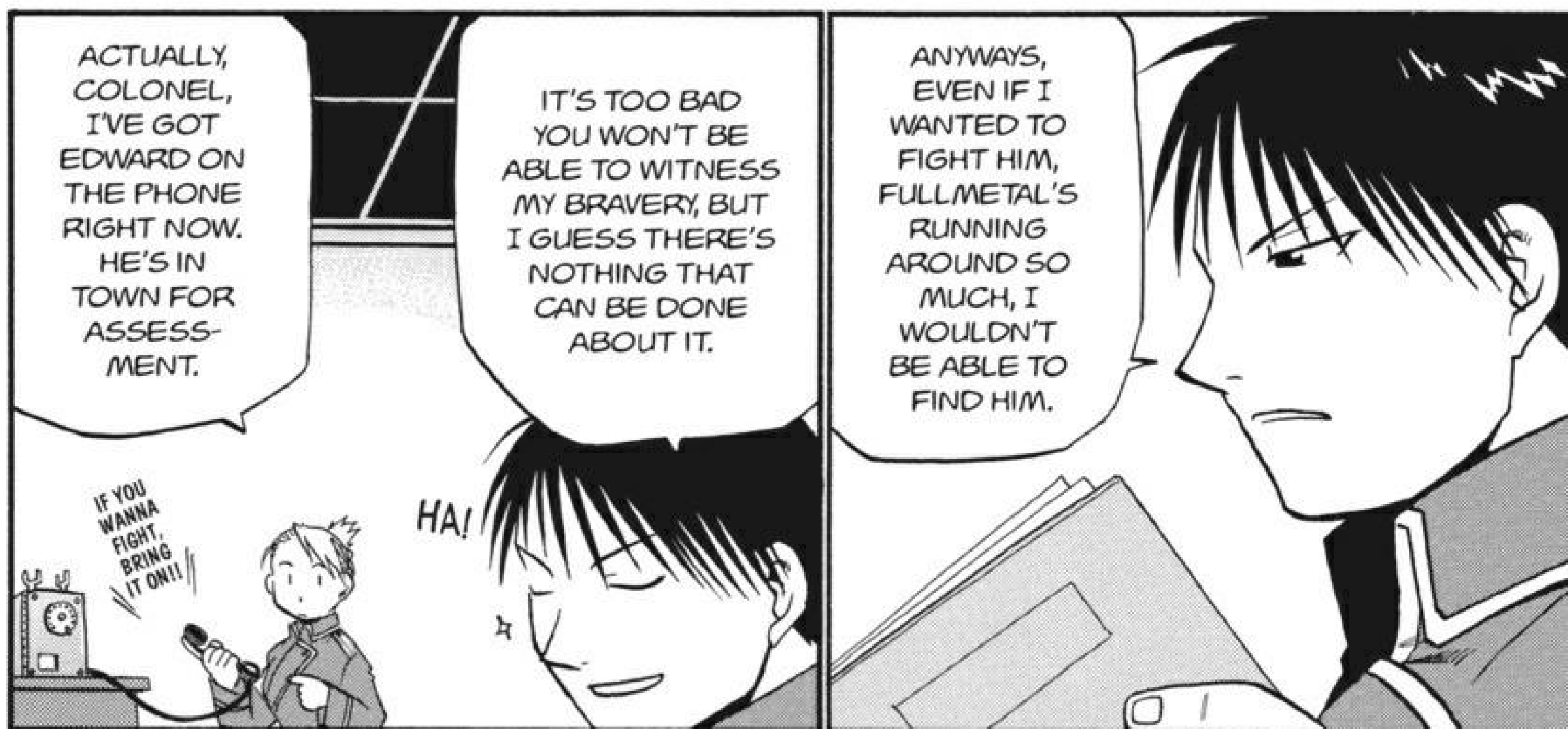


I HEAR FULLMETAL'S WON SOME PRETTY IMPRESSIVE BATTLES LATELY.

I WONDER WHO WOULD WIN.

HEY! DON'T FORGET THAT THE COLONEL WAS A **WAR HERO** DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

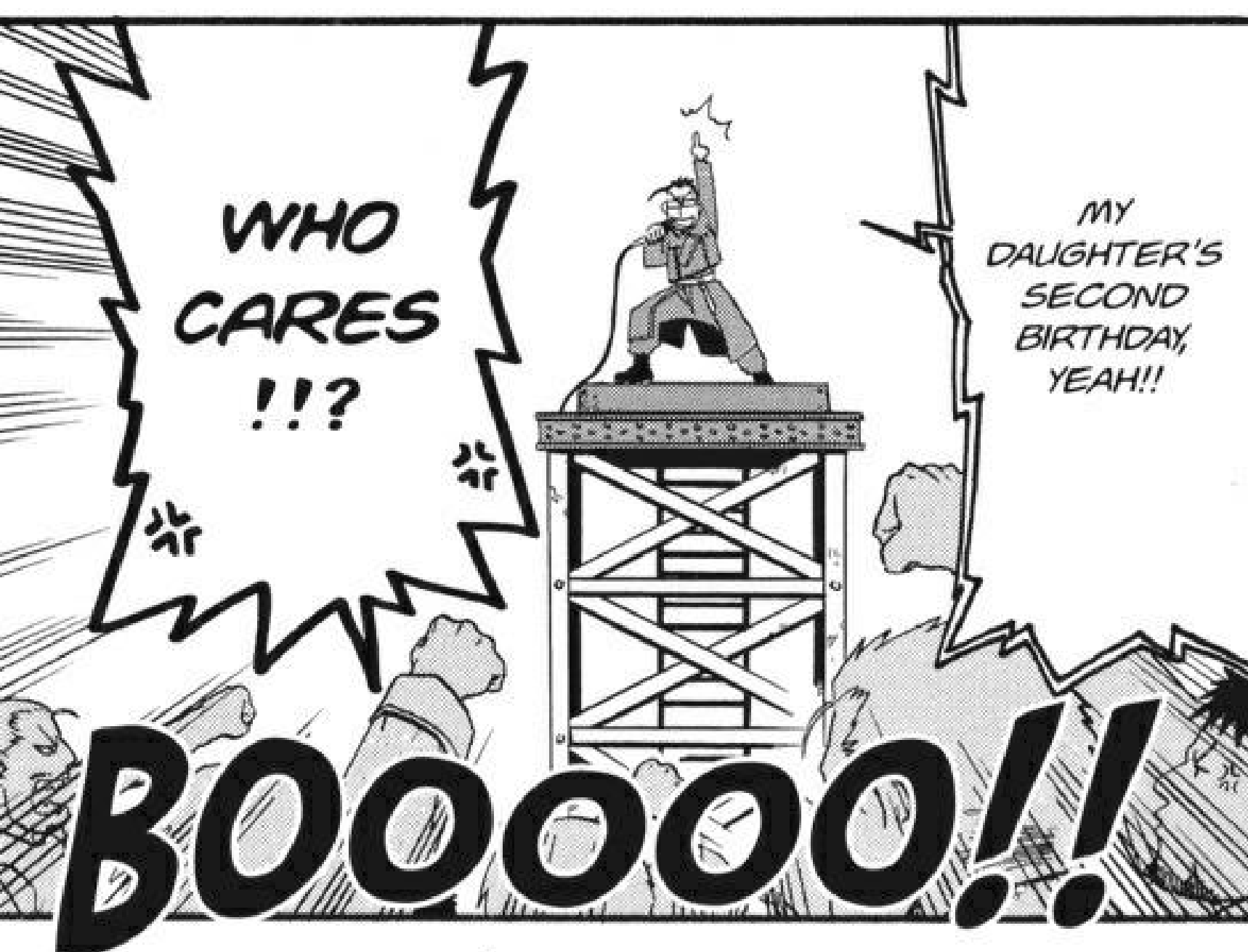
SOMEONE MAKE SOME BATTLE STATISTICS CARDS!





WELCOME
TO THE
CENTRAL
PARADE
GROUNDS!

LADIES
AND
GENTLE-
MEN!



WHO
CARES
!!!

MY
DAUGHTER'S
SECOND
BIRTHDAY,
YEAH!!

BOOOOOO!!



FOR
TODAY
IS...

TODAY
IS A
MOMENT-
OUS
OCCA-
SION...



BOO

GIM-
ME
BACK
MY
GIRL-
FRIEND
!

WHY WERE
YOU THE
ONLY ONE
TO GET
PROMOTED
!!!

**OO
OO**

GET
BACK
TO
WORK
!!

GO TO
HELL,
FLA-
ME!

OO!

IN THE
RED
CORNER,
THE
FLAME
ALCHEMIST,
ROY
MUSTANG
!!



TODAY'S
MAIN EVENT--
FLAME VS.
FULLMETAL!!
THE FIRST-
EVER STATE
ALCHEMIST
BATTLE
ROYALE!!

OKAY!
THERE
AREN'T A
LOT OF
PAGES LEFT,
SO LET'S
GET ON
WITH IT!

HURRY
UP!

WAA AA AA AAH!

BIG BROTHER, DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING?

HEH HEH HEH... I NEVER DREAMED THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO PUNCH THE COLONEL IN HIS SMUG FACE IN FRONT OF A CROWD.



DON'T CALL ME TINY !!

WOO

WHOA, HE'S TINY !

AND IN THE BLUE CORNER!! THE FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST, EDWARD ELLIC!!

IS HE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ?

OO!

OO

OO

KNOCK HIM DEAD, SPROUT !



WASN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE AN ALCHEMY BATTLE...?

MWA HAHA HA HA!

I'LL CRUSH HIM WITH MY BARE FISTS !!



ZAH!



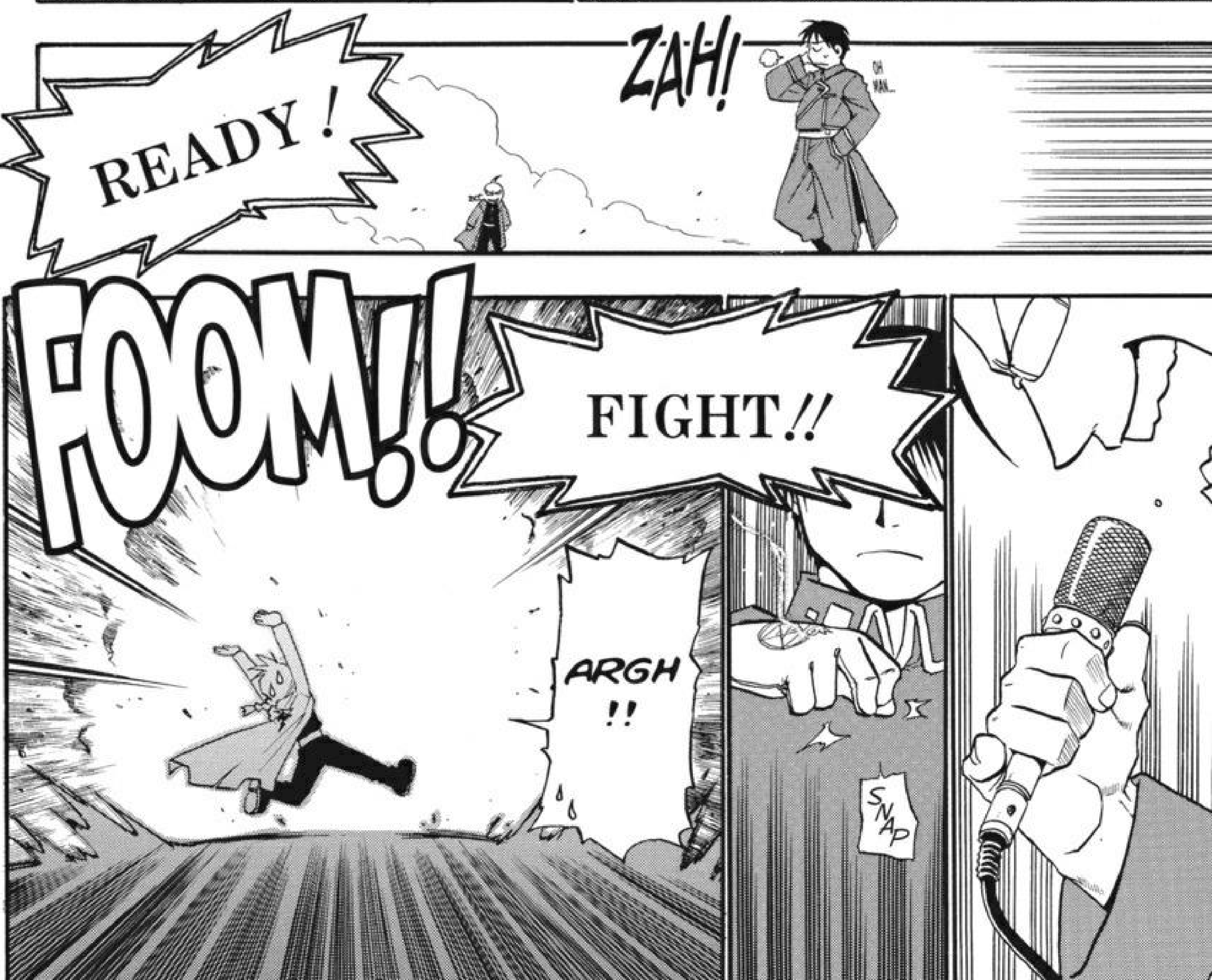
READY !

FIGHT!!

POOM!!

ARGH !!

S N A P





RIGHT
OFF THE
BAT, HUH?
DAMMIT
!!



IT MEANS
YOU HAVE TO
GET THE
INITIATIVE TO
ACHIEVE A
QUICK
VICTORY.

"A
SOLDIER
WHO
STRIKES
FAST
STRIKES
FIRST."



HM...IT'S
HARD TO
HIT SUCH A
SMALL
TARGET.



DON'T
CALL
ME
SMALL
!!



YOUCH!!
YOU'RE NOT
HOLDING
BACK AT
ALL, ARE
YOU!!!?



IT MEANS
YOU
SHOULDN'T
LET THE
ENEMY'S
TAUNTS GET
TO YOU.

SNAP



"AN
ANGRY
SOLDIER
FIGHTS
BLIND."



KABOOM

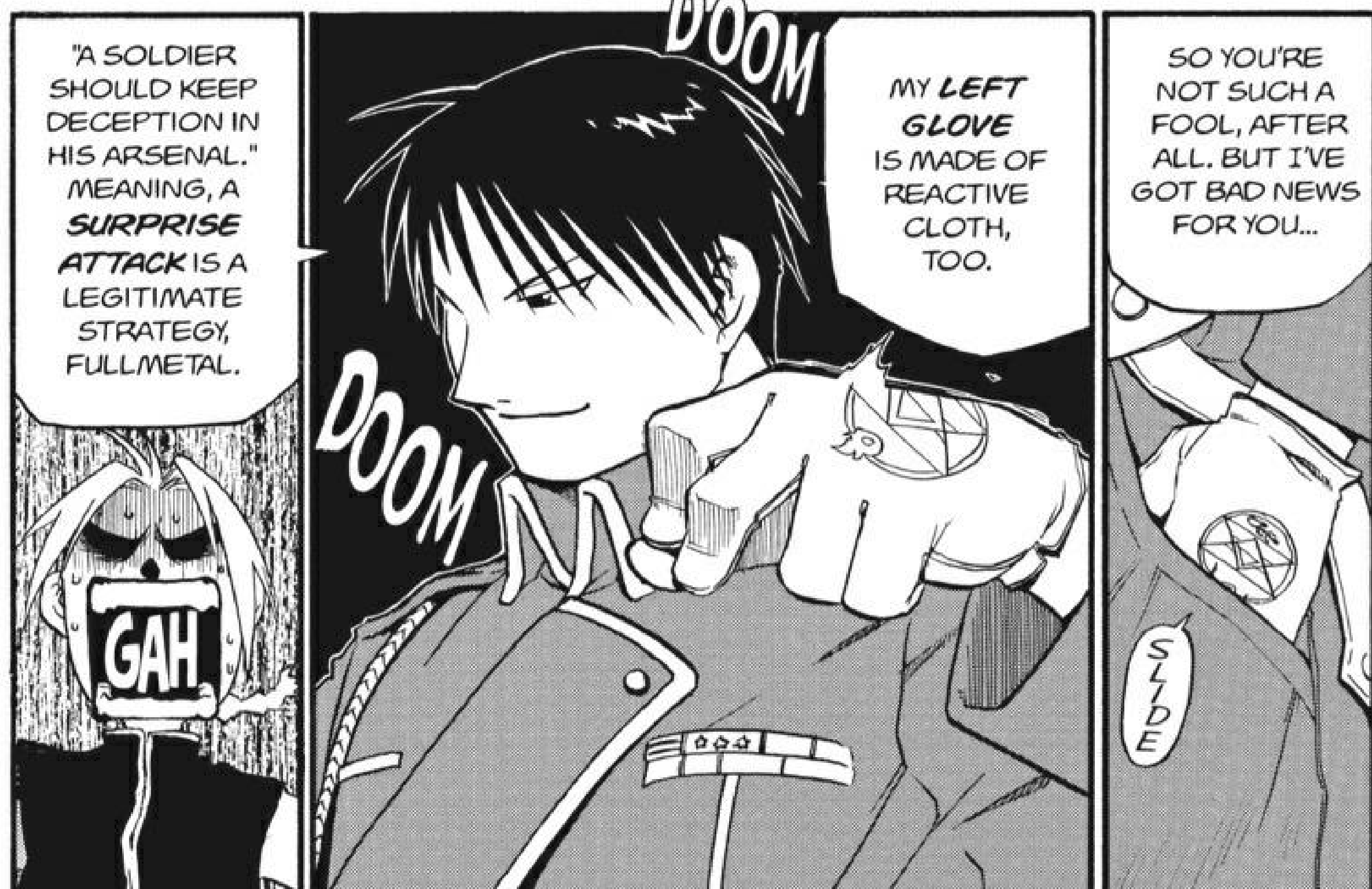


AAG
GGH
HH!



BOOSH





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WELL, THEN...

GRIN GRIN

THANK YOU, SIR! I AM HONORED BY YOUR PRAISE.

THAT WAS A BRILLIANT BATTLE, COLONEL MUSTANG.

HRM... WELL DONE, WELL DONE.

EEEEEE

BOOM

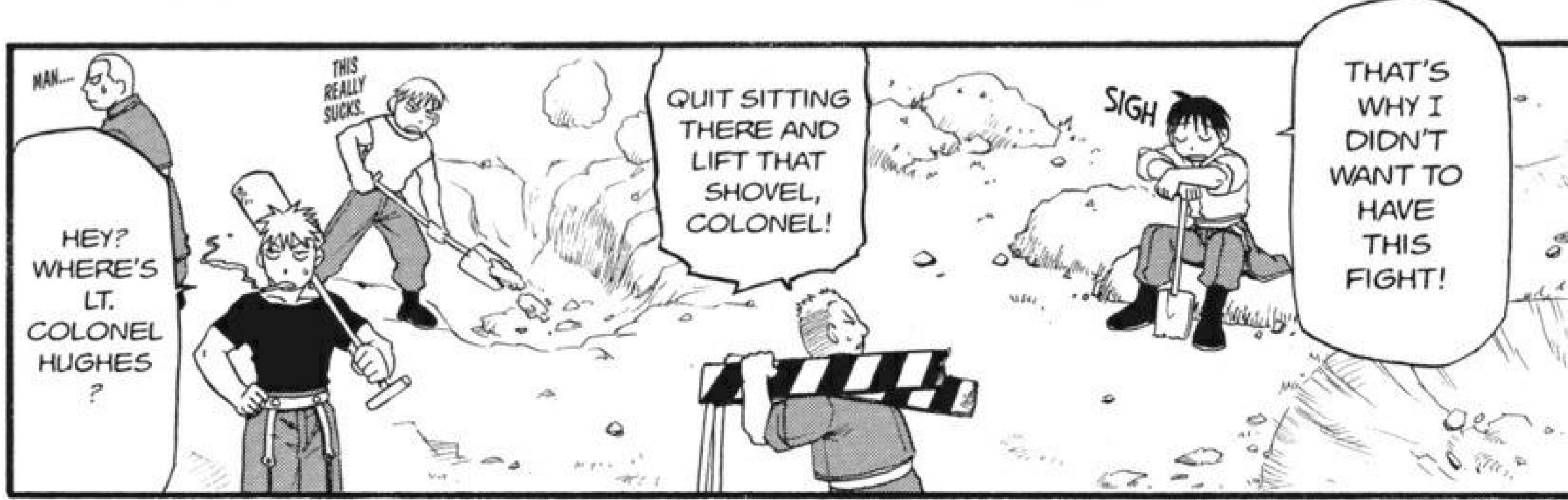
TO THE AMBULANCE!



I KNEW THAT WAS COMING...

TOTAL DESTRUCTION

MAKE SURE EVERY ONE OF YOU HELPS TO CLEAN UP.



MAN...

THIS REALLY SUCKS.

QUIT SITTING THERE AND LIFT THAT SHOVEL, COLONEL!

SIGH

THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE THIS FIGHT!

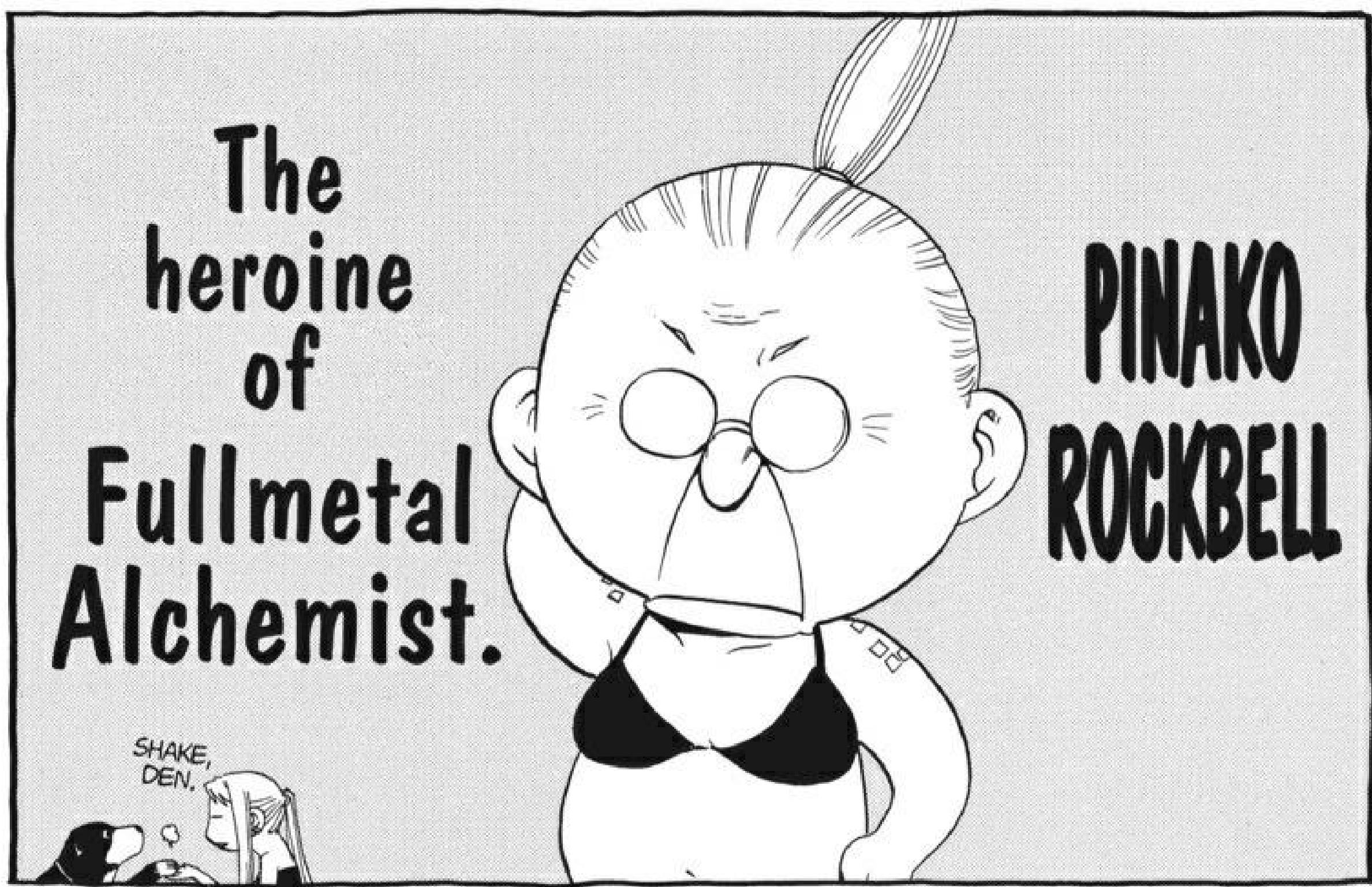
HEY? WHERE'S LT. COLONEL HUGHES?

END

"A SOLDIER SHOULD KNOW WHEN TO RETREAT."

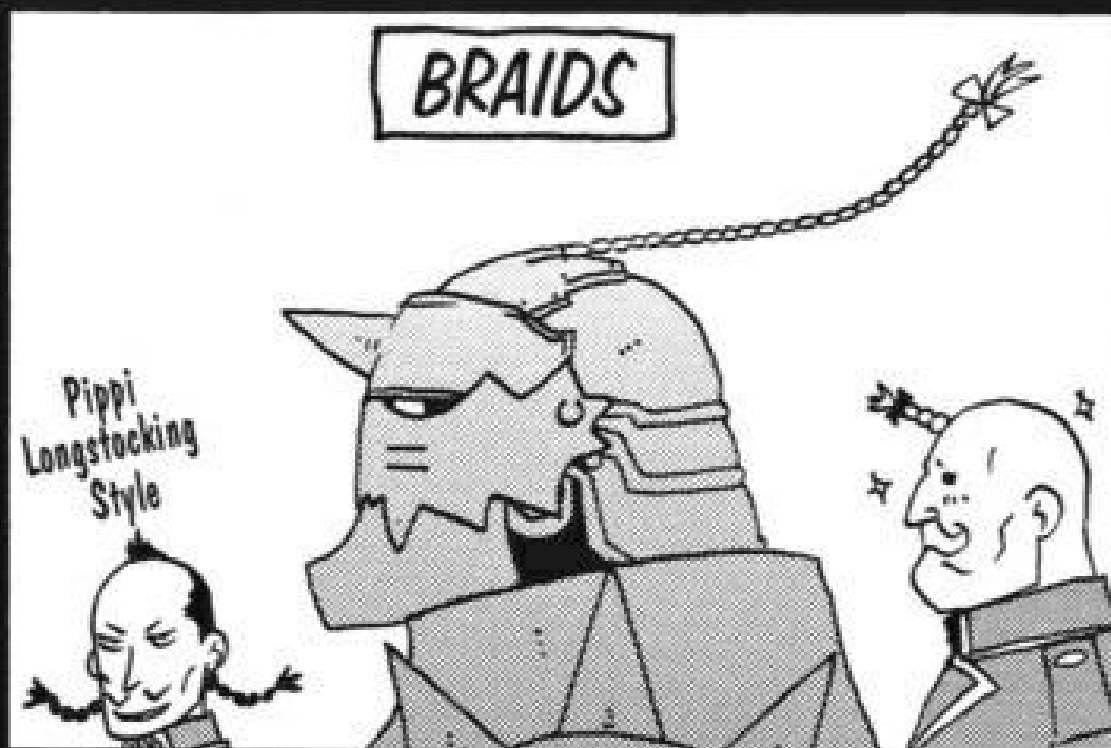
HRM? LT. COLONEL, I THOUGHT YOU WERE AT THE PARADE GROUNDS TODAY?

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AL'S BIG HAIRSTYLE STRATEGY



THE AMBITIOUS ALCHEMIST



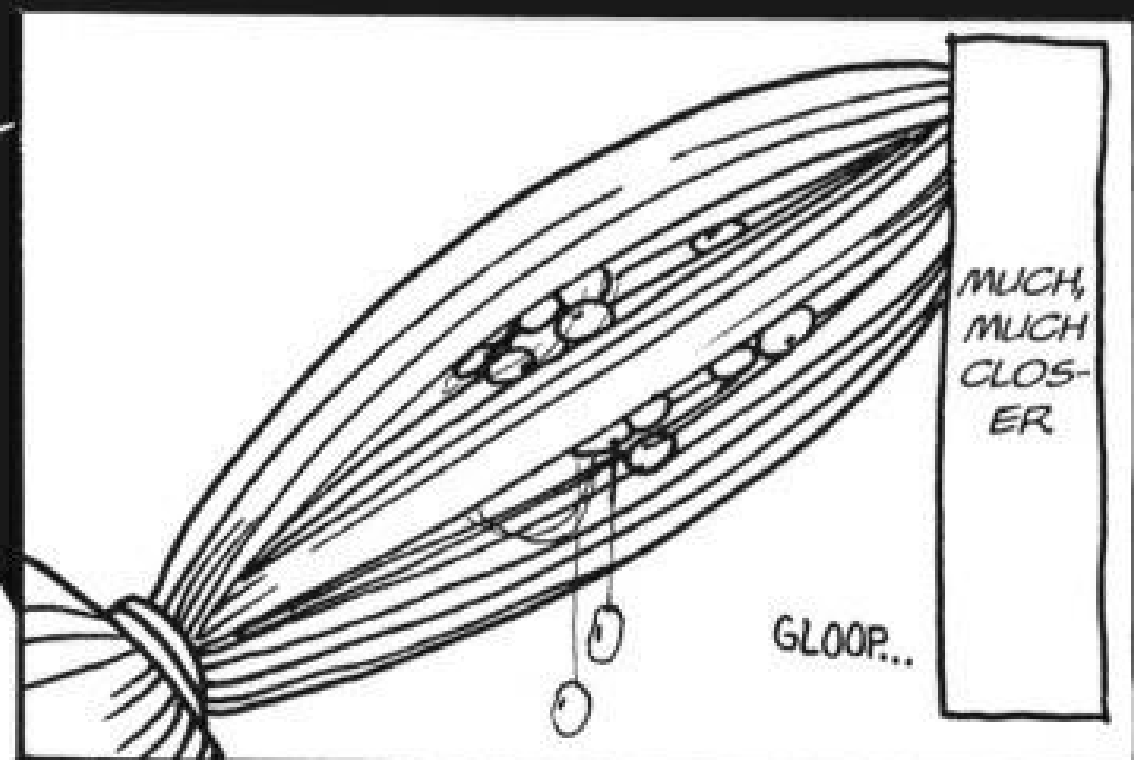
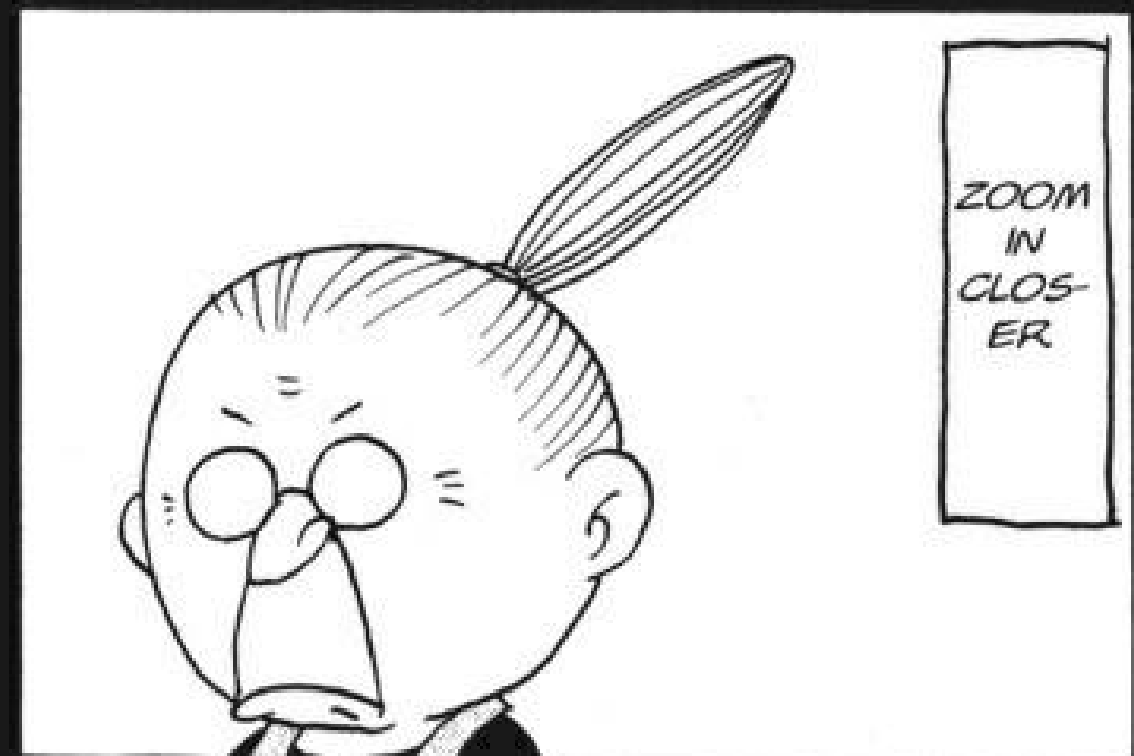
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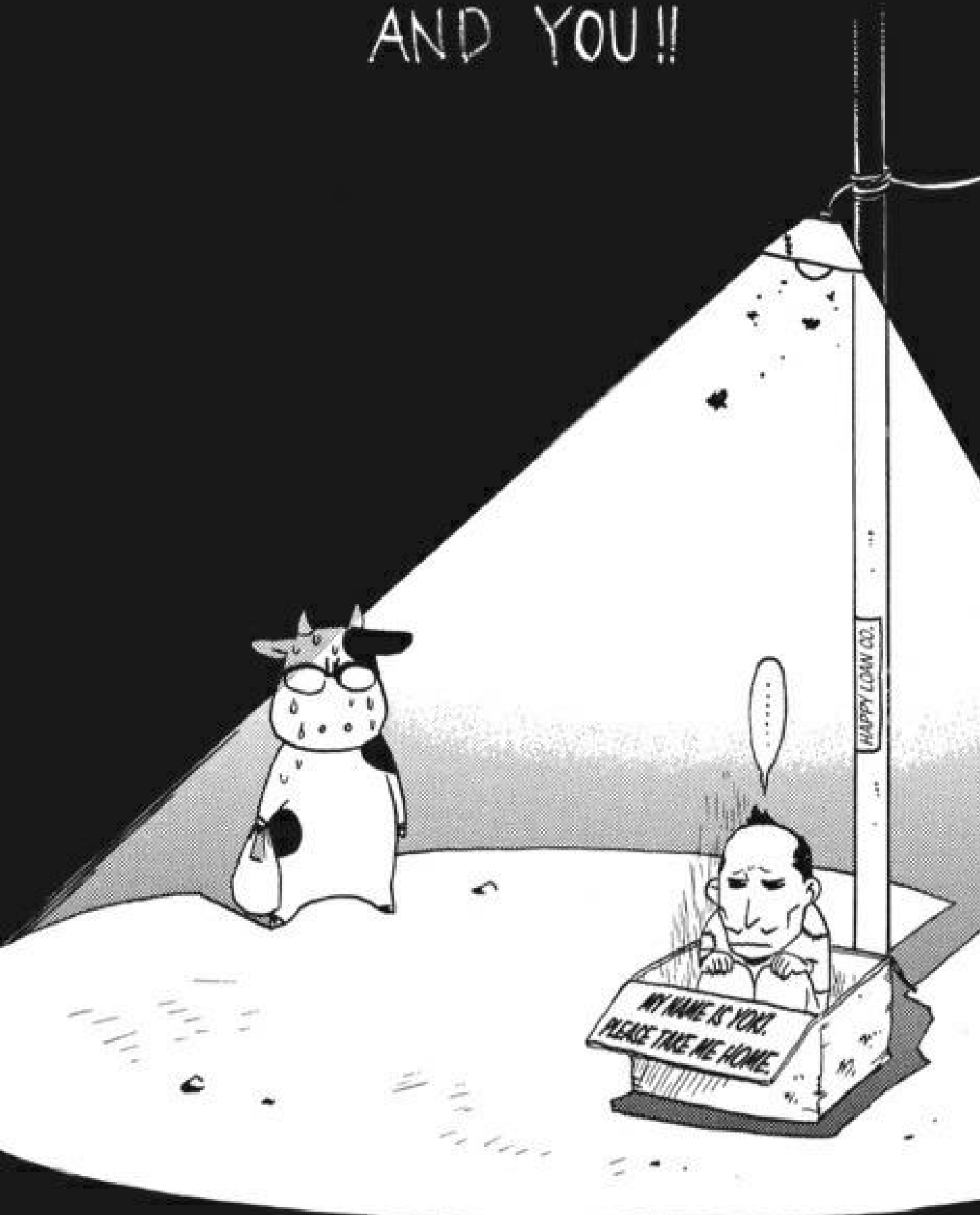
YUICHI SHIMOMURA-SHI (MANAGER)

AND YOU!!

I Made Pinako's Hairstyle like This Just
So I Could Do This Joke (Seriously!)



* NATTO = FERMENTED SOYBEANS



FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST PREVIEW



MAYBE
I
SHOULD
KILL
YOU
AFTER
ALL,
HM?

**THOSE WHO REACH
TOO FAR FOR THE TRUTH
WILL ONLY END UP
WITH TEARS...**



JUST
ACCEPT
IT.

YOU'LL
FEEL
BETTER
THAT
WAY.



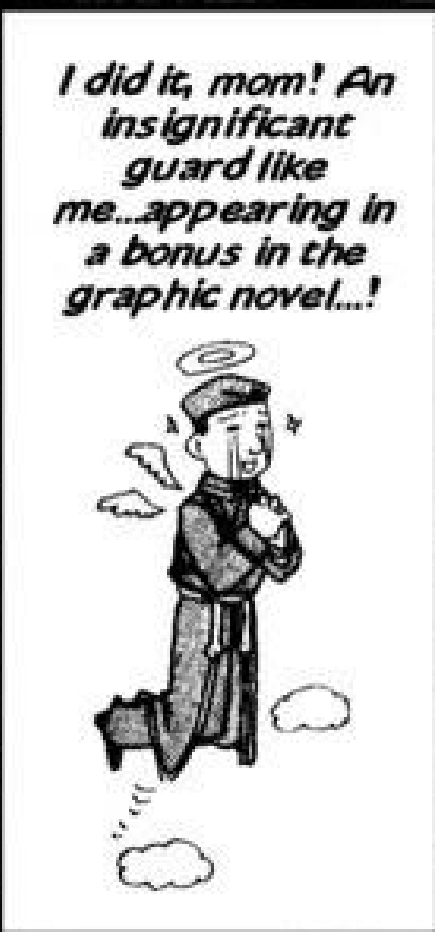
THAT
CRAZY
ARSONIST,
KIMBLEY.

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HAPPENS ACCORDING TO
THE WILL OF GOD!**

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